

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 628

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Miss Clarice Lee Miller
of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the death of Miss Clarice Lee Miller; and

WHEREAS, Miss Miller was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, Clarice Miller was born February 4, 1911 in Bradyville to the late Cecil L.
and Mary Clark Miller; she graduated from Burritt College in Spencer at the age of 17 and
entered state government service with the Secretary of State's Office in 1928 as a Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Miss Miller's innate ability and astute service led to her steady rise in the
Secretary of State's Office through promotions; her years with that office included service during
the terms of such distinguished Secretaries of State as the late Joe C. Carr, James H.
Cummings and G. Edward Friar; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Clarice Miller was chosen to serve as Assistant Secretary of State;
she retired from the office of Secretary of State in 1977, ending a career of 48 years of
exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, Miss Miller was an active and devout member of the Lakeview Church of Christ and was a faithful member for 76 years; she also served for thirty years as Treasurer of Unit 5, American Legion Auxiliary, and was a nominee for reelection; and

WHEREAS, Clarice Miller was also deeply devoted to her family, always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order; she was preceded in death by her sister, Edna Ray Cooper; her brothers, Charles, Clyde, Percy and Ernest (Hank) Miller; and half-brother, Cecil Miller, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Miss Miller will be dearly missed by her brothers, Cecil Ewin (Vadis) and James Olney Miller; half-brothers and half-sisters Bobby and Lowell Miller, Joy Bush, Alice Johnson, Linda Todd, Sandra Brandon, and Nancy Mathis; as well as numerous nephews, nieces, nephews-in-law and nieces-in-law, and her dear friend, Mattie Rochelle; and

WHEREAS, Clarice Miller was a dedicated employee of the State of Tennessee, a faithful friend of the Democratic Party, a guiding light to her family and a loyal friend to all who knew her; her intense patriotism and loyalty to God and country were demonstrated by her unswerving support for the service of her brothers in various branches of the United States Military; and

WHEREAS, Miss Miller leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Miss Clarice Lee Miller, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Clarice Lee Miller.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.